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## COL. ASTOR MET DEATH WITH SMILE AFTER WIFE WAS SAFELY OFF SHIP

Isidor Straus Begged Wife to Get Into Boat, but She Clung to Him and Refused to Live if He Must Die.

The calm heroism with which Col. John Jacob Astor went to his death was described to an Evening World reporter by James Johnson, one of the members of the crew of the Titanic, who was on duty in the first cabin when the crash came.

"I saw Col. Astor go on deck with his young wife," said Johnson, "soon after the crash. As the lifeboats were lowered he advanced to one of the officers and asked if he might accompany Mrs. Astor. Informed that he could not, that the women and children would have to be taken off first, Col. Astor smiled and kissed his wife, then stepped back and kifted his hat. There wasn't a calmer man on the whole ship. Until the boat bearing his wife away had been completely lost to sight Col. Astor stood there apparently unexcited and waved a good-by."

The last survivor to speak to Col. J. J. Astor was Alfred Whitman. the Titanic's barber. Whitman tells a story that bears out the belief, general since it first was known that Col. Astor was among the missing, that the multi-millionaire and sportsman went to his death as a brave man

the officers fired their revolvers in the

According to Johnson, a woman manned one of the oars in the lifeboat

"As we drew away from the big ship she began to lurch, and within a very

few minutes it seemed as if scores of

persons were being swept overboard. I am satisfied that very few persons

were killed on the vessel. Capt. Smith

himself, as near as I was able to see

was swept off the bridge to his death."

last lifeboats lowered twist and turn

turtle. There were a number of men

and women in it, he said, and appar-

"It seemed for a time as if the whole

sea about us was strewn with dead

life belts around them and eyes gilsten

ing, for the most part, one would have thought most of them alive.

of Pathetic Death of Mrs.

Isidor Straus.

Washington Dodge, millionaire finan-

ently they were all drowned.

Johnson declared he saw one of the

"For the most part." he

he was in.

"I shaved Col. Astor on Sunday after- drawn revolvers and quietly told them noon," said Whitman. "He was a to move back or they would be shot. pleasant, affable man, and that awful Later a small group of men persisted in night, when I found myself standing climbing into one of the lifeboats, and beside him on the passenger dock helping to put the women into the boats, I air to frighten them. spoke to him. He had just put Mrs. "the men stood back gallantly, some of them even in the dim light on the deck, and even in the dim light on the of cheer to the women folk. We work deck, and even in the dim light on the of cheer to the women folk. Mrs. Straus deck I could see he was deathly pale. was offered a place in the first boat. But he was calm, and his hand, as he but turned away tearfully, saying she was calm, and his hand, as he would remain with her husband to the

BIDS BARSER COOD-BY, BUT SAYS "I'LL STICK."

"The last boat pushed away and the ship began to slant down toward the bow. I had a lifebelt on, but the Colonel didn't have one. Where is your lifebelt? I asked

"'I didn't think there would be any meed of it,' he said.
"'Get one while there is time,' I told

him. The fast boat is gone and we are 'No.' he said 'I think there are some liferafts to be launched, and we may

get on one of those.'
"There are no liferafts,' I told him. and the ship is going to sink. I am going to jump overboard and take a chance on swimming out and being

picked up by one of the boats. Better come along.'
"'No, thank you,' he said, calmly, 'I

think I'll have to stick.' to pull five or six miles, and when we "I asked him if he would mind shak- came alongside of her canvas bags were ing hands with me. He said, 'With wing lowered for the children and pleasure, gave me a hearty grip, and then I climbed up on the rail and jumped overboard. I was in the water nearly four hours before one of the

beats picked me up."

Johnson said he was also present and overheard Mrs. Isidor Straus when she refused to leave her husband, telling him that if the ship was sinking she

AC THEY FOIL

MRS. STRAUS WOULDN'T LEAVE HUSBAND.

"It was the most pitiful spectacle I ever witnessed," said Johnson. "Mr. Straus pleaded with the old lady to go into one of the boats, but she threw her arms about his neck half hysteri-cally and refused to leave his side. I had been ordered to one of the oars in ifeboat No. 2 and saw the elderly couple plainly still embracing as the little craft I was in was pushed away." Johnson said as near as he could judge it was about 11.40 P. M. when the Tianle struck the teeberg.

"A great many of the passengers had effect," he added, "but there were still a number in the restaurant, on the

was so slight that none apparently thought anything serious had happened. In fact, I don't believe the majority of the parsengers actually knew we had as they tried to fight their way into a of the head of the family.

ASTOR'S LAST PUBLIC SERVICE CONCERNED FIRE HEROES.

"Mrs. Isidor Straus could have been in view of the manner to which Concerns to the manner to which Concerns the manner to which the manner Absolute duterness pervaded in the col-ship for fully ten minutes after the col-lision with the leeberg. As soon as the When told only the women would be acted on a committee to s-leet of the crew to come on deck, however, around Mr. Straus's neck and kissed him, scribed on the tablet set for that pur Every one knew then that we had struck she was going to stay with her husband. quarters.

little excitement of any kind, as every- Jacob Astor died like the two heroes of the Carpathia last night was one body felt that the Titanic was unsinkable. The officers assured all that there
was no danger, and a number of those
who had retired and come to the decks
after the first impact to inquire what
was the matter returned to their statethey were. From the instant the ship
occasion, Long before the Carpathia
reached her dock Miss Force was on
the pier waiting for the youthful wildow.
They helped women into lifeboats,
calmed excited i.en, assisted the officers in every way, and stood aside like
forms.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Bride, Who Was Forced From Husband HOW HERCIC NOTED MEN

MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR \_

cabin gangplank and studied the faces

of the survivors as they came off.

thumanity that lined the pier, while Miss

lForce, tearful, but stolc-like, kept her

eyes intently upon him for word of

FIRST INQUIRY IS AS TO HER

HUSBAND.

It was not the vivacious, rosy-cheeked young woman the newspaper men had come to know so well during the days of Col. Astor's comantic courtship, but

a sad-faced and unhappy looking wom-

Not a word was spoken by either.

"IT WAS TOO AWFUL,"

SAYS MRS. FRANK, ONE

second cabin passengers of the Titanic

"Don't ask me anything about it,"

Chinamen Aboard Carpathia

The United States Immigration Board

makes our best customer.

OF THE SURVIVORS.

# **NOT BELIEVE HER HUSBAND IS LOS**

She and Colonel's Son Hope an who walked alowly down the gang-plank and all but swooned when she leaned on the arm of Vincent Astor.

Carpathia Left.

Not a word was spoken by either.

Mrs. Astor, clad in a plain white shirtwaist and dark skirt, with a light blue
veil covering her head and wearing
loosely about her shoulders a brown
fur boa, moved as one in a trance. Her
large eyes were filled with tears, and
she seemed to be gazing into space as
one whose heart had been overtaxed
with sorrow. Indeed, while her maid
assured the attendins, physician that
Mrs. Astor's health was all that could
the shock and exposure attendant upon
her terrible experience on the Titanic.

After leaving the pier last night Mrs.
grown many years older than when she bodies," he said in conclusion. "With

"It was about daybreak when we first caught sight of the Carpathia. We had After leaving the pier last night Mrs. grown many years older than when she to pull five or six miles, and when we Astor went first to the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Force, at No. 18 East Thirty-seventh street. Her visit there was brief. She was driven then to her own home at

Vincent Astor, her step-son, received visitors at the house to-day. He said Mrs. Astor had not left her room to come up through the second cabin and was still weak and shaken after gangway of the Carpathia. She was her experience, but needed only rest with another rescued woman, who said and quiet.

"Neither Mrs. Aster nor myself be- does not appear on the passenger list. Heve that my father is dead," said the young man. "We hope he was picked given them on the Carpathia, were given them on the Carpathia. up by some vessel that arrived at the hysterically grasping each other about scene of the disastey during the night the waist and alternately laughing and or the early morning. We will not give crying. Washington Dodge Also Tells up this hope unless the death of my A young man approached them. Mrs. father is settled beyond all question."

The offices of the Astor estate were closed to-day. Of course nothing has thing about it! It was too awful!"
been done about fixing a will or taking the sale to him. "Don't ask me anything about it."

It was several minutes before he could be a way. the initiative steps toward settling Col. quiet her and lead her away. Astor's estate. It is generally believed that Mrs. Astor's marriage settlement cier of San Francisco, with his wife carried her dower rights, and that the learned to-day that there were six Chiand six year-old son, were among those bulk of the estate will go to Vincen: ness among the Titanic survivors. There one of the most perfect I have ever seen; the stars were out and we were proceeding. I should say, at about twenty-three knots.

Saved from the was no panic of any description, except in the steerage. I saw two frenzied men shot down by officers. two frenzied men shot down by officers share of the immense property holdings as they tried to fight their way into a of the head of the family.

the paraengers actually knew we had "Mrs. Isidor Straus could have been In view of the manner in which Col-met with an accident. There seemed saved, for there was plenty of room in Astor met his death, it is interesting to be a low, rumbling sound, as if the the lifeboats for her. The officers went to recall the last public service he perto be a low, running something. In the best of the collection were scraping something. To her and told her to take her place. She asked if her husband was to go.

She asked if her husband was to go.

Rhinelander and R. A. C. Smith, here told only the ship for fully ten minutes after the collection. officers began shouting for the members taken on board, she threw her arms names of the police heroes to be inthere started a feeling of uneasiness. She turned to the officers and told them pose in the walls of Police Head-

somethins, but were unable to tell what The dear woman died there, too, rather than leave her helpmate.

There was no panic; in fact, very "Major Archibald Butt and Col. John tor on the pier following the arrival ody felt that the Titanic was unsink- they were. From the astant the ship of the many pathetic features of that

PLAYS AS LIFEBOATS

men as the boats were being lowered, their to the great As or fortune, had so that all the women might be saved. Been waiting anxiously for more than And, though I did no, see their actual an hour for the arrival of the rescue deaths. I will bell a lower than a beauty to the arrival of the rescue The band legan paying soon after the crash. Orders were then given to peepare the lifeboats. For the first time some of the passengers then began to realize that something serious had happened. But withal they were calm. A few of the men made a rush for the first lifeboats lowered, but were quickly the Titanic. It was he who acted in the conjunction with Garvin McNabh.

And, though I did no, see their actual ship. With them were obtained ship. With the Astor, Butt, Widener, Straus, Harris, Guggenheim and Others Coolly Helped Women, Then Faced Death-Mrs. Straus Left. Boat to Die With Husband.

faces death in some disaster and with others more nelpless than himself to match chances for life, then, surely, many men of international prominence who went down with the Titanic need no epitaph other than the record of their last moments in life. Here are some of these, and the undying testimony to their manliness given by the weaker, the more fortunate, who Col. John Jacob Astor, the multi-millionaire, escorted his bride of a few when the occasion of stress demands it.

nonths to one of the lifeboats and saw her seated. Then he stood aside deferentially and use sted other women to find their places in the Alfoboat. Later passengers saw him busy, with Major Archibald Butt and John B. Thayer of Philadeiphia, helping other women and children over the rail of the listing ship to the promise of rafety in the boats. He did not even wear a life-preserver. He had not thought of himself.

Isidor Straus, financier and philanthropist, stood with his wife by the rail company her. When she pleaded with the ship's officer directing the lowering away of that boat that her husband should be allowed to accompany her. the officer replied that her husband should be allowed to accompany her, and the officer replied that the rule of "women and children first" was the rule of the Vicinity, unable to get inside the arms. They were last seen standing together, an ased couple who had found happiness in many years of married life, and were to find death unseparated.

George B. Widener, the son of P. A. B. Widener of Physics and the loss of the loss of the loss. George B. Widener, the son of P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia, and heir to

one of the largest fortunes in America, saw that his wife and child were installed in one of the first lifeboats to leave the doomed ship. Then, when they were lost to sight out on the black wastes, he assisted other men in helping the women and little ones to safety in the boats. He was on deck, waiting for the end, when the last strains of "Nearer, My God, to Thee" were choked by the final rush of

Jacques Futrelle's last words to his wife, May Futrelle, like her husband a talented writer o fiction and collaborator with him in several of his nove; were: "Hurry up, May, you're keeping the others waiting." Then he kissed ner goodby and saw the boat she was in slip down under the line of the rail.

Henry B. Harris, theatrical manager and producer of some of the most popdar comedies of past seasons, remained with his wife for the first confusing moments after the shook of the collision was felt. Neither he nor Mrs. Harris felt that there was real danger, but when the oder came from Capt. Smith that all women and children must take to the boats, Harris escorted his wife to one nearest to them. A ship's officer raised his hand and motioned Harris back, saying that the women must have precedence. "Well, I'll take my medicine." Harris said smilingly to his wife, and stepped back out of the way of the women who were pressing toward the boat. Young Astor edged his way through the great surging crowd of impatient

Lucien B. Smith, son-in-law of Congressman Hughes of West Virginia, made his bride of a few weeks a widow with a smile on his lips. As they approached one of the lifeboats together, Mrs. Smith pleaded hysterically that her husband be allowed to step into the boat with her. Capt. Smith, who was turned to Mrs. Smith and said, "No madam, under no circumstances will any man be permitted to leave this boat. "Good boy, Captain," said Smith, parting he captain on the shoulder, and the bride saw the last of her husband's face.

### SIEGE OFFICES OF WHITE dressed STAR LINE.

LONDON, April 19 .- Pittable scenes were again witnessed at the White Star offices here to-day. One woman who of cowardice—the kind of a man who had kept vigil every day and most of the night since the first news of the fisaster came found in the list posted at the office the name she had been valting for and rushed into the street shricking "He is saved!"

Memorial services for the dead were held at noon in St. Paul's Cathedral and were attended by the members of the Cabinet and of the Diplomatic Corps, among whom were Ambassador Whitelaw Reid and Mrs. Reid and other distinguished personages. The White Star Company and the International Mercantile Marine Company were glso

A memorial service is to be held in St.

#### Mrs. Fanny Kelly was the first of the LONDON RELIEF FUND REACHES \$250,000; \$5,000 CABLED HERE.

LONDON, April 19.-The relief fund she was Mrs. M. Frank, a name which which has been opened for the assistance of those thrown into distress by the disaster to the Titanic now amounts to

The Earl of Derby, Lord Mayor of Liverpool, in response to an urgent request from New York for assistance for the survivors among the third class passengers, to-day cabled \$5,000.

ASKS IN HANDBILL FOR NEWS ABOUT CHARLES L. CHAPMAN.

Long before the Carpathia was warpe into her berth Charles L. Chapman of No. 1321 Pilmpton avenue, buyer for the Western Equipment Company of No. 163 West street, appeared on the Cunard pier with a large stack of handbills

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Any information regarding Mr. Chapman, who was a passenger in the second cabin, will be gratefully received. Please address, Charles L. Chapman, 1321 Plimpton avenue, New York

Mr. Chapman found no trace of his

#### TO PAY TRIBUTE TO STEAD.

Men and Religion Congress Hold Hundreds of delegates to the Men and Religion Congress, who were to have Estened to an address by William T Stead, the English journalist, lost in the Titanic disaster, to-day joined in memorial services for Mr. Stead at Carnegte Hall. Mr. Stead's death came as

a distinct shock to the leaders of the movement, who had ursed him to at-tend the opening session of the Con-

SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES

Cond the opening session of the Congress.

William J. Bryan, who is to be the principal speaker to-night, will pay a tribute to the distinguished journalist. Other speakers at to-night's assetion will be J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, and Carl Milliam of Island Palls, Me.

#### LIQUOR DEALERS GIVE \$1,000 TO TITANIC FUND.

Mayor Thanks Them and Makes

Few Typical Remarks.
A committee from the Central Retail A committee from the Central Recall Liquor Dealers' Association called on Mayor Gaynor to-day and handed him H.000 for the cellef fund for the Titanic sufferers. The Mayor was assured by the members of the committee that If it be true that the measure of a man's worth is best taken when he further aid would be forthcoming if

"I am agreeably surprised at this do-nation. We have not any kings in this nation. We have not any kings in this country to make big subscriptions to funds for popular distress, but I am glad to see that even in ordinary walks of life prove themselves better than kings

#### LINER'S DESIGNER FAINTS.

rial service in London.

LONDON, April 19.-St. Paul's Cath-

Honam Carlisle, designer of the lost vessel, fainted while the organ was playing the Dead March from Saul and had to be carried out.





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